Senate Panel Clears Eilberg in Carter Call

The Senate Judiciary Committee has concluded at Rep. Joshua Ellberg, D-Pa., was not person-ily under investigation when he telephoned Presi-ent Carter last November urging the dismissal of Lepublican U.S. Attorney David Marston of Phila-

The official purpose of the committee's report was to recorded confirmation of Benjamin R. Civietti as deputy attorney general. However, two senators had used the confirmation hearing in an attempt to show Eilberg wanted Marston dismissed because the attorney was pressing an indictment against him in a local hospital funding investigation.

The hearing failed to show a connection, the

committee report stated.
"There was no 'cover-up' of any investigation simply because there was no such investigation in existence during the time in question," it said.

Marston's own affidavit to the committee said.

on Nov. 4, date of Eilberg's call to Carter, he did not consider any indictment of Eilberg likely. The report said Eilberg's name did not come up in

Marston's investigation until Dec. 19.

The committee voted 10-2 for Civiletti's confirmation, with Sens. Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo., and Paul Laxalt, R-Nev. casting the negative votes. The committee report said, "It was clear that Mr. Civiletti had nothing to do with this matter.'

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